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SUBJECT: (C/NF) MEXICO SECURITY AND ECONOMIC TEAM
DYNAMICS (C-AL9-01454)

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¶1. (C/NF) PRESIDENT FELIPE CALDERON'S SECURITY AND ECONOMIC TEAMS CONTINUE TO ATTRACT HIGH-LEVEL ATTENTION IN WASHINGTON. WITH US-MEXICO SECURITY COOPERATION CONTINUING TO EXPAND, WASHINGTON POLICYMAKERS REMAIN HIGHLY INTERESTED IN THEIR MEXICAN COUNTERPARTS. WHILE MOST SENIOR FIGURES IN THE MEXICAN SECURITY APPARATUS ARE WELL KNOWN, WASHINGTON ANALYSTS WOULD APPRECIATE CONTINUED REPORTING ON CHANGING SECURITY TEAM DYNAMICS, AS WELL AS CLARIFICATION ON SOME OF THE GROUP'S NEWEST MEMBERS WHOSE ROLES REMAIN AMBIGUOUS. WASHINGTON ANALYSTS ALSO WELCOME REPORTING ON HOW MEXICO'S TOP ECONOMIC POLICYMAKERS ARE PRIVATELY RESPONDING TO THE SOURING ECONOMY. AS TIME AND RESOURCES ALLOW AND DURING THE COURSE OF NORMAL DUTIES, WASHINGTON ANALYSTS WOULD APPRECIATE POST,S INSIGHT INTO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ON THE EVOLVING DYNAMICS OF CALDERON'S SECURITY AND ECONOMIC TEAMS.

¶A. (U) SECURITY TEAM:

1) (C/NF) WHAT ARE PERSONAL DYNAMICS AMONG THE MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY TEAM? HOW WELL DO THE PRINCIPAL MEMBERS OF THE TEAM (I.E. GENARO GARCIA LUNA, EDUARDO MEDINA MORA, GEN. GUILLERMO GALVAN, ADM. FRANCISCO SAYNEZ, FERNANDO GOMEZ MONT, AND JORGE TELLO PEON) WORK TOGETHER? UPDATED DETAILS OF GROUP DYNAMICS WOULD BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL, INCLUDING NOTABLE FRIENDSHIPS, ALLIANCES, RIVALRIES, AND SUSPICIONS.

2) (C/NF) HOW OFTEN DOES THE TEAM MEET? HAS ANY ONE FIGURE EMERGED AS A CLEAR LEADER/COORDINATOR? WHO ARE THE PRINCIPAL ARCHITECTS OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S COUNTERDRUG OPERATIONS? IN PLANNING SECURITY OPERATIONS WHO, OTHER THAN CALDERON, HAS FINAL SAY?

3) (C/NF) WHAT IS THE CURRENT MOOD AMONG TEAM MEMBERS? ARE THEY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE COUNTERDRUG EFFORT? DO THEY THINK THE FIGHT IS WINNABLE? ARE THERE ANY SIGNIFICANT DISAGREEMENTS OVER THE CURRENT STRATEGY OR FUTURE PROSPECTS? HOW DOES THE TEAM GO ABOUT CREATING A STRATEGY? WHEN THE TEAM HAS A SETBACK, HOW DO THEY GO ABOUT RECOVERING?

¶B. (U) ECONOMIC TEAM:

1) (C/NF) WHAT ARE THE CURRENT DYNAMICS WITHIN THE ECONOMIC TEAM? WHO ARE THE PRINCIPAL ARCHITECTS OF THE CURRENT ECONOMIC STRATEGY? ARE ANY PERSONNEL MOVES LIKELY IN THE NEAR FUTURE? IS ANYONE ON THE ECONOMIC TEAM CONSIDERED EXPENDABLE? IS ANYONE WAITING IN THE WINGS TO JOIN THE TEAM?

2) (C/NF) HOW HAS THE ECONOMIC TEAM RESPONDED TO THE STRESS THAT INVARIABLY COMES WITH THE JOB? ARE SOME MEMBERS COPING BETTER THAN OTHERS? IS ORTIZ,S DEPARTURE HAVING A MAJOR IMPACT? IS THE NEW DEPUTY SETTLING IN?

¶2. (U) PLEASE CITE C-AL9-01454 IN THE SUBJECT LINE OF REPORTING IN RESPONSE TO THE ABOVE QUESTIONS.
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